

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive half term, and I hope you enjoy reading about the brilliant opportunities our students have embraced over these past weeks.

Our Year 11 students have shown great maturity, completing their final set of PPE examinations in preparation for the summer. Their conduct has been exemplary, and they should be very proud of their efforts.

Year 9 students recently attended the Course Selection Fair, where they explored the wide range of subjects available to them in Key Stage 4. They visited informative subject stands in the Main Hall to learn more about coursework expectations, exam requirements, and the topics they will study next year.

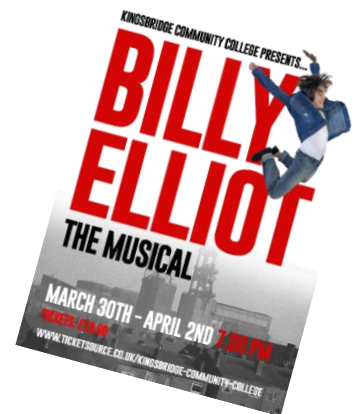
Uniform Consultation – Next Steps: thank you to all parents and carers who took part in the recent uniform consultation. Following a careful analysis of the feedback, we are now inviting you along with staff and students to take part in a second round of consultation, which now includes a new Concept C. A separate email has been sent to you with the link to the MS Form.

We are also excited to share updates on our upcoming production of *Billy Elliot*. Tickets are now on sale via TicketSource, and you can find further details later on in the newsletter.

I wish you all a very happy half term break and look forward to welcoming students back to college on **Monday 23rd February** when we will start the term with our annual Discovery Careers week!

Kind regards

Tina Graham.



National Education Nature Parks Project

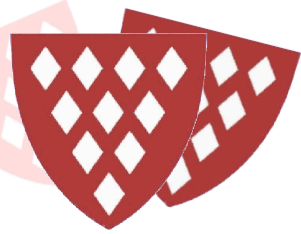
On 13th and 14th January, a Year 8 class became Citizen Scientists as part of the National Education Nature Parks project set up by the Natural History Museum in London. The class identified the different habitats on our site and then entered the data onto the NENP database, so it can be added to scientists' understanding of how school sites across the country can support spaces for nature.

The students also explored how they would like to develop the college site to make it even more nature friendly, building their futures as guardians for wildlife.

England is, 'one of the most nature depleted countries in the world', so it's important we try to make as many spaces for nature as we can - schools are the future, and are playing a big part in this.

If you would like to know more, check out: <https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/>





Fantastic Equestrian Success for Kingsbridge Academy

We are delighted to share that Daisy, riding her French pony Farwell D'Haryns, proudly represented Kingsbridge Academy at the prestigious NSEA Inter-Schools Equestrian Showjumping Qualifiers held at Bicton Arena. Competing against a strong field that included several well-established independent schools, Daisy delivered an outstanding performance.

Daisy and Farwell won both of their classes, securing individual qualification for two national finals later this year at the iconic All England Showjumping Ground, Hickstead. She will compete in the 1m Final as her warm-up, followed by the 1.10 Hickstead Elite Final, representing Kingsbridge Academy in both events.

We are incredibly proud of Daisy's achievements.

Daisy wearing the KCC saddle pad!

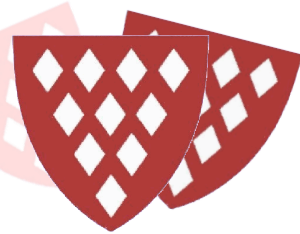


Success at the South Dartmoor YFC Junior Public Speaking Competition

We are delighted to share the achievements of some of our students who recently took part in the South Dartmoor YFC Junior Public Speaking Competition. Two teams competed, and Lydia's team was placed 1st, with Lydia also winning the Best Speaker Award for the evening - a fantastic accomplishment.

Both Lydia and Chloe were then selected to represent the group at the county round, where their team performed brilliantly once again, achieving a strong 3rd place. Well done to all involved - an excellent representation of our college!



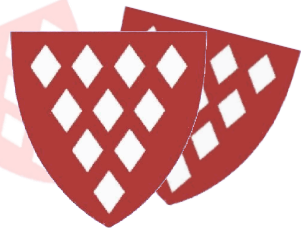


Biology Year 13 – DNA workshop in Bristol

In the last week before Christmas, Year 13 A level Biologists had their final ‘field trip’ before the exams begin. They visited the ‘We the Curious’ science centre in Bristol to complete a workshop on DNA techniques as part of their ‘Manipulating Genomes’ module. Students perform a DNA extraction from their own cheek cells; DNA amplification by the polymerase chain reaction (PCR); targeted cutting of their DNA using restriction enzymes and then visualisation of their own DNA genotype using gel electrophoresis. These are the sort of activities that require an awful lot of specialist equipment and chemical reagents with short shelf lives that school science labs just cannot provide. Students also got to look round the science centre and participate in a led discussion of the ethical considerations around genetic testing and gene technologies.

Dr Pemberton and Mrs Budgen





Year 9 Course Selection Fair

It was wonderful to see so many of our Year 9 families attend the Year 9 Course Selection Fair. The Hall was packed for Mr Chisholm's presentation, and the Gym was buzzing with the subject stands. Our Year 9s have conducted themselves brilliantly through the process so far and should now have all the information they need to make the best decisions for them. Thank you to our GCSE and Sixth Form students who helped out over the day promoting the subjects they love and modelling the passion for learning that makes KCC so special.

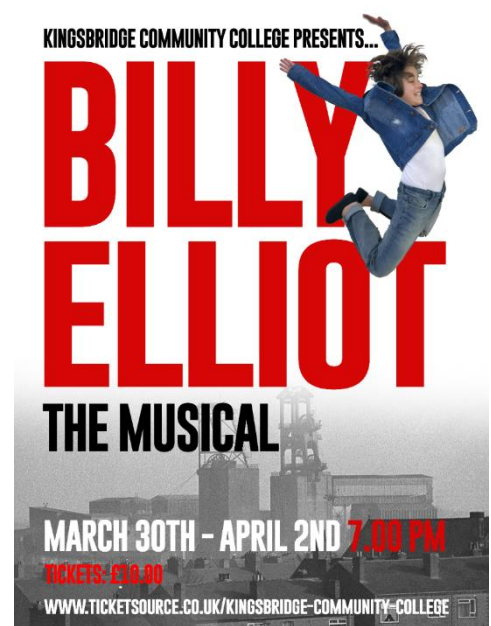


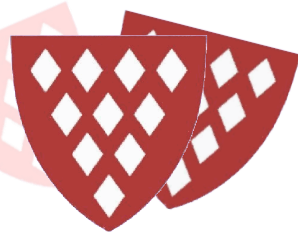
Production update: Billy Elliot the Musical!

Kingsbridge Community College proudly presents Billy Elliot the Musical, running from 30th March – 2nd April. Performances start at 19.00 and include a 20-minute interval. Refreshments, including a fully licensed bar, will be available before the show and during the break.

Billy Elliot tells the inspiring and heart-warming story of a young boy growing up in a Northern mining town who discovers an unexpected passion for dance. Set against the backdrop of the 1980s miners' strike, the musical celebrates determination, self-expression and the power of following your dreams, featuring unforgettable music, high-energy choreography and a deeply moving story.

Tickets can be purchased using the following link: [KCC Billy Elliot Ticket Sale](#)





Kingsbridge media students forge professional industry ties with the BBC

Sixth Form media students at Kingsbridge Community College have been gaining valuable insight into the news industry as part of an exciting interactive workshop at the BBC. They spent the day at the studios in Plymouth, learning about news as part of their journalism unit. The emphasis on the **OCR Level 3 Cambridge Technicals in Digital Media** is to provide a vocational qualification equivalent to A Levels, focusing on a range of practical skills including in journalism, film, web, and TV production.



Tina Graham commented “In today’s increasingly competitive world, it’s crucial to futureproof students with the practical skills they need to get ahead. By working with key industry players like the BBC, we can not only inspire students but also give them the tools to forge a successful career.” As well as getting a tour of the studios, students got first-hand experience of live broadcasting, appearing on BBC Radio Devon as part of an interview about mobile phone use with presenter, Caroline Densley.

Students learned about interview techniques and got to put them into practice, questioning a panel of BBC staff, including young apprentices who were similar in age. They also took part in a host of interactive tasks which helped them to understand about news values and the importance of fact checking sources and providing impartial reports.



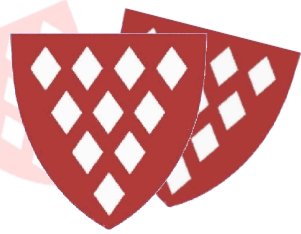
Students will be writing and publishing their own original news stories as part of their course and teachers say collaborating with industry leaders like the BBC makes an enormous difference. Wat Kirby is Head of Media at Kingsbridge Community College.

“Rhetoric and reality are a far cry apart and it’s wonderful to see students experiencing a busy newsroom and getting to practice the theoretical skills they’ve learned in class. Experiencing a professional environment like the BBC lets them see how the real world operates and start to think about how they might fit into that world.

Frida Gallego-Cooper

Our recent trip to the BBC Radio Devon Studios in Plymouth was a fantastic opportunity. The BBC gave us in depth tours of the facilities, talks about the work they carry out and other juicy behind the scenes things that the public could only dream of seeing or learning. We carried out mock interviews with employees as if we were reporters and sat on the actual sofa that the news is shot on! Honestly, I think I learnt so much about how to ask people questions, how to make conversations with complete strangers flow, the work that goes into TV and radio and a kaleidoscope of niche information like how the BBC find new stories and make sure they are bias free.

Out of everything I think I most enjoyed going LIVE on the radio. Apart from being super cheerful and enthusiastic hosts, the BBC was also kind enough to let students be interviewed and talk about phone usage live on the radio channel. I love grabbing any opportunities that present themselves to me, so I lunged at the idea and absolutely loved it. Along with 4 of my peers, we commanded our 5 minutes on air like legends, and no one looked outwardly nervous or apprehensive at all.



Some things I personally valued from the trip were listening to apprentices, fulltime employees and just seeing the studio spaces in person. I had never realised how small the studios spaces would be in comparison to how vast important and grand the BBC is. I pictured these huge halls filled with people and spectators behind the news lady and weather man but in reality, the spaces are far smaller. The cameras are all monitored and digitally controlled by a person in a separate room and the weather person works almost entirely alone. It was like my eyes had been opened to the real world and suddenly everything I assumed, was proven fictional! The experience was humbling and incredibly inspiring as it prompted me to question what is happening behind the scenes and what all the unseen work behind something online really looks like.

This was an amazing experience which taught me that if I want something I have to pursue it. I will take forward my investigation and interview skills when finding my own stories in the future.



Charles Cavaliero

“The whole experience was intriguing and quite insightful, especially to see the work that goes on behind the scenes for radio and television production. It correlated strongly with the journalism course we are currently doing in college. Seeing how an entire team works in unison to produce high quality content is inspiring.”

Art Lawrence

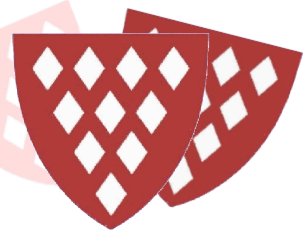
“What an eye-opening experience. We gained valuable insight into the processes behind BBC production, and it was both exciting and really interesting to get behind-the-scenes access. It’s changed my perspective on how BBC radio and television are made and produced and made me realise how stimulating different job roles are. We were exposed to a fun and relaxed yet engaging and productive work environment.”

Georgia Hamm

“Radio production is more intimate and fun than I’d imagined. It opened up a realm of opportunities that I didn’t know existed by letting me get involved in a live on-air broadcast. It will definitely help me to complete my journalism unit with renewed insight into the media and the BBC. What stood out was how the different job roles are all suited to the individual, really utilising their strengths.”

Lari Campbell

“On the trip to the BBC Plymouth studios, we were shown the large variety of media that they create and distribute, alongside the inside details of how everything runs. The thing I enjoyed most about the experience was seeing what it’s like to work directly within the media industry and all the different jobs that I could go into. One thing that was interesting when visiting the studios was how self-produced it was, and how majority of the creatives had many skills that reached into all types of media, such as the social media reporter, Emily, who spoke about how she had no previous experience in a media-related job, but was able to fully throw herself into the job and is successful within it.”



Your Future Story - Visit to Newquay Spaceport

On Thursday 29th January, a group of three Year 7 students visited Newquay Spaceport as part of the Your Future Story programme. The purpose of this trip was to meet all the other students involved in the program from the other schools across the South West and to visit a regional employer.

The day began with an introductory talk outlining the Spaceport's recent achievements and their ambitious plans to launch a satellite into space from the UK. We then worked in small teams to complete a hands-on engineering challenge: building a tower from old



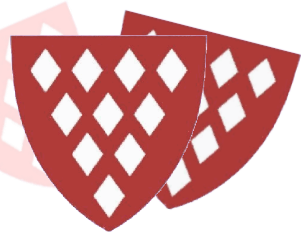
Tesco magazines strong enough to support a tomato without squashing it! After a short break, the next activity was introduced - designing and building paper rockets. The group split into two teams. Group 1 created their rockets first while Group 2 toured the Spaceport. Our group began with rocket building, and the launch was a great success - our rocket even reached the ceiling of the building! The design featured a KCC sticker, a conical nose cone containing the tomato, and right-angled triangle fins, and it was powered by compressed gas. After launching, we were interviewed by the media team about our designs before swapping activities with Group 2.



During the tour, we visited the main control area, where engineers monitor and operate satellites. Staff explained the work taking place there, including developments in high-speed flight at Mach 6 and 7. We then explored the upstairs area to learn how satellites are assembled at the Spaceport and why the team aims to complete UK-based launches rather than shipping satellites overseas. We also heard about the strict cleaning processes and specialist protective equipment required to ensure satellites remain free from contaminants. We finished the day by thanking the staff for their time and expertise, before traveling back to Kingsbridge. My favourite part of the trip was launching the rocket—it was exciting, fun, and rewarding to see our design perform so well!

Written by Ezra, Mia and Ethan (Your Future Story students).



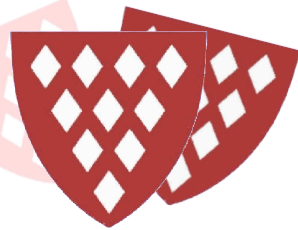


Millfield 7s Rugby Success

Our U14 and U16 girls' rugby squads travelled to Millfield to take part in a warm-up tournament ahead of the Rosslyn Park 7s in March. Both teams enjoyed a full afternoon of competitive fixtures against a mix of independent and state schools, showing great skill, determination and teamwork throughout.

The girls were an absolute credit to the college, delivering a series of impressive performances. We are delighted to share that both teams returned to KCC unbeaten. Well done to all the players involved!





Lost Property

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we currently have an impressive collection of lost property in the Library. Below is a list of items that remain unclaimed. Any belongings still uncollected by the April half term will be donated to our local charity shop.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to clearly label all clothing with their child's name, ideally using a permanent marker. This greatly helps us return items promptly and reduces the need to replace lost clothing unnecessarily.

WATER BOTTLES x 21

BLAZERS – Size 30 & 36

SHOES: (Pairs)

Black shoes - Size 10

Black Adidas shoes - Size 3

Black with beige sole Adidas shoes – Size 10

Black Nike trainers – Size 4

Black & white Nike trainers – Size 4

Black & White Nike trainers – Size 5

Black, white & red Skechers trainers – Size 6

SHOES: (odd ones!)

Right Black Adidas shoe – Size 9

Right Black Nike trainer – Size 6.5

Right Black Puma trainer – Size 3

Left Black Adidas trainer – Size 2

COATS/CLOTHING:

Blue Fleece – size M

Black Mountain Warehouse puffa 9-10yrs

Black Marks & Spencer puffa – Size 12

Black North Face girl's coat - Size L

Black & Orange Nevica puffa – Size S

Black Nutmeg coat – Size 11-12yrs

Black The Stronghold jacket – Size XS

Black KM Utd waterproof – Size XS

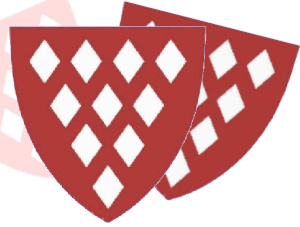
Black FatFace coat – Size 12

Blue Craghoppers waterproof – Size M

Grey/White Checked New Look shirt - Age 12-13

Cream Primark Christmas Jumper (polar bears) - Size M



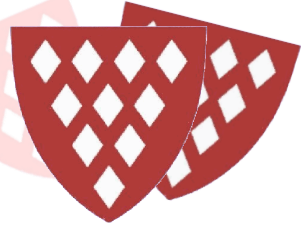


Primary & Secondary QTS / PGCE Courses

Applications to train to teach
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To find out more and apply visit
www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk





FRIENDS OF KCC

Who we are and how you can get involved

We are a small group of parent and staff volunteers who give their time to create better learning experiences for our children. As well as raising much needed funds that improve our college, the social events we run bring the whole community together, and links with teachers help to give all parents a say in their child's education.

Join our Team:

We welcome new volunteers – if you are willing to help out here are some of the ways you can get involved:

- Helping at the Christmas Fayre
- Helping with College productions
- Fundraising initiatives
- Submitting a grant funding application

If you would like more information, please email: kcc.ptfa@gmail.com or come along to our next meeting in the College Library on **Tuesday 17th March 2026**.

Friends of KCC meeting dates for your diary

All meetings are held in the Library at KCC on a Tuesday evening and start at 6.30pm. Please come and join us in supporting the college. Many hands make light work, and we have a lot of fun.

7th March, 21st April, 19th May and 9th June.



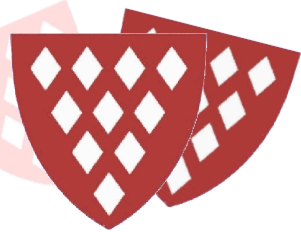
Friends of KCC is the charity created out of the former PTFA to increase community partnership. We are working towards getting hundreds of businesses connected to the college and our students so everyone can win. We ask for your participation and collaboration.

Can You Get Involved? IT'S AS SIMPLE AS ABC

- Register your interest and support at the Friends of KCC website www.fokcc.org or email discovery@kingsbridgecollege.org.uk
- Sign up to one of our existing programs
 - Careers Fair, Career Panel, Work Experience, Career Story Presentation, Entrepreneurs Training
- Post your jobs on our jobs board



We cannot wait to work more closely with you and make our community an even better place to grow up, work and live.



We are recruiting Lifeguard Apprentices

Qualify as a Lifeguard, First Aider,
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No experience needed | Full Training Provided

We are
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Train as a
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Hours per Week:

30

Salary per hour:

£10.18 - £12.21

Level 2 Leisure Team Member Apprenticeship



Quayside Leisure Centre

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"Channel 4's *The Dog House* is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! If you're interested, find out more here: <https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk> or email thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk."

You can find clips from previous series on our YouTube channel [@thedoghousetvofficial](https://www.youtube.com/@thedoghousetvofficial).

HEROES WELCOME

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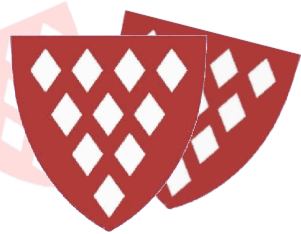
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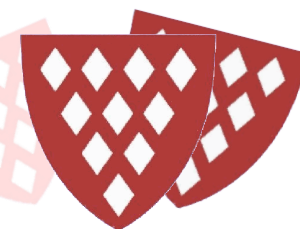
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March:	23-27 February 13 rd March 17 th March 26 th March 30 th March to 2 nd April	Discovery Careers Week LGB Meeting (5.00-7.00) Friends of KCC (6.30-8.00) Year 8 Parents' Evening Billy Elliot (7.00 start)
April:	21 st April 28 th April	Friends of KCC (6.30-8.00) LGB Meeting (5.00-7.00)
May:	TBC 14 th May 19 th May	Summer Garden Party Year 10 Parents' Evening Friends of KCC (6.30-8.00)
June:	4 th June 5 th June 11 th June 12 th June 9 th June 16 th June 19 th June 23 rd June 25 th June	Open Morning Year 12 Mock Interviews Year 7 Parents' Evening Open Morning Friends of KCC (6.30-8.00) LGB Meeting (5.00-7.00) Sixth Form Induction Day Year 13 Prom (Cliff House) Year 11 Prom (6.00-9.30)
July:	1 st and 2 nd July TBC TBC TBC Monday 13 th - 17 th	Year 6 Induction Summer Soiree Year 7 and 8 Sports Day Year 9 and 10 Sports Day Challenge Week
August	3 rd to 7 th August	The Big Step (transition programme)

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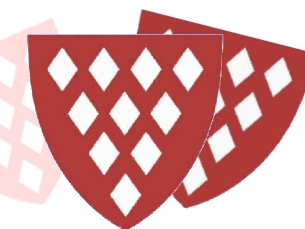
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